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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

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MAY MEMORANDA.

The sustaining memberships expired on the 1st.

On Monday evening, the 7th, the Reception Committee will meet socially in the parlors.

Our new General Secretary, Mr. Lynch, will conduct the monthly Service of Song, for everybody, Sunday, the 6th.

The quarterly business meeting of the Association, will be held next Tuesday, the 8th. Delegates will be elected to represent our Association at the International Convention.

The Members Social Reception for this month, will be given on Tuesday evening, the 29th.

The second of the Practical Talks, announced to be given by Mr. Jones Wister, the first Thursday of this month, has been postponed for one week. It will be delivered in our Hall, Thursday evening, the 10th, at 8 o'clock. The subject is "Paddle Your Own Canoe," and will doubtless be treated in a practical and interesting manner. The young men who heard Mr. Wister's talk three years ago will want to hear this one, and all young men should avail themselves of the opportunity.

Tickets can be obtained free at the office, or from the members of the Lyceum.

Every young man is heartily invited to attend the following meetings for young men exclusively :

Sunday, 9.15 A. M., Bible Study.

CONDUCTED BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

May 6—David's Administration. II Sam. viii : 1–15.

" 13—The Great Transgression. II Sam. xi : 27.

" 20—The Bereavement. II Sam. xii : 15–23.

" 27—The Revolt of Absalom. II Sam. xiii : 16 : xiv.

Sunday, 3.15 P. M., Gospel Meeting.

May 13—Trust Not in Your own Heart! Prov. xxviii : 26 ; Jer. xvii : 9; Ezek. xi : 19,20. George W. Reinhard.

" 20—True Fellowship–How Secured and Maintained. I John 1:5–7. John H. Groff.

" 27—Four Warnings to be Heeded. I Cor. x : 6–13. John C. Lynch.

Saturday, 8 P. M., Training Class.

May 5—"It will Spoil my Early Prospects." Milton Francis.

" 12—"I don't feel Convicted." George W. Mehaffey

" 19—"I have Peculiar Temptations." Jacob H Fesler

" 26—"I Havn't Repented Enough" George W. Reinhard.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT, APRIL.

To the Board of Managers :

It is no easy matter to furnish an adequate conception of the actual work accomplished during a month's active service of this Association. To compare statistics of attendance upon the numerous meetings and in the various departments of our building, does not embrace the myriad influences for good exerted, the personal words spoken in season, the resolutions for the right and the decisions of duty, which a report cannot convey.

The attendance in the Gymnasium has been somewhat diminished by the competition of base ball and other outside attractions, but the regularity of the classes has not been interfered with and valuable improvements have been made in the apparatus. A somewhat novel feature has been introduced by the formation of a strong base ball club, composed mainly of active members. The fact that young men who had hitherto held aloof from the Association, thus enlisted, have become regular visitors in our building and have even found their way into our Young Men's Gospel Meeting, would seem to prove the wisdom of availing our work of innocent amusements and recreations as a means. Such an enterprise, however, but adds to your responsibility to wisely control and direct it to its intended end.

The Library has demanded more than usual attention. The petty thefts of books, which have already received the efficient attention of the Executive Committee, will probably result in increased care, as well as respect, for the property of the Association.

The Lyceum has performed excellent literary work. An ably conducted mock-trial and a spelling bee lent variety; and other fresh features, such as impromptu speeches upon select subjects, are in contemplation.

The first of the series of Practical Talks to Young Men was given on the 10th, a company of one hundred and fifty-three young

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men listening with rapt attention to Dr. Pitcairn's plain facts, professional opinions and Christian advice upon Avoided Subjects that are of vital interest to young men.

The Museum is indebted to Wallace McCamant for a liberal contribution of foreign stamps, some rare and valuable to our growing collection.

The Reception committee has a most important part to perform in maintaing an air of sociability that will make the building a pleasant resort, where cheery companionship can be found without contamination. Under its direction the social room has grown in popularity and is serving an excellent purpose. Its privileges have been in no way abused, nor the difficulties encountered that were imagined by some.

The Boys' Rooms have been open and well attended without exception throughout the month. They are well managed. The Monday night entertainments have aggregated 1,005 in attendance—the largest number present in any month for a long period.

The usual office-work has claimed attention beside supervision of necessary repairs and improvements reported by the Executive Committee. Four young men have been aided, materially; others directed to boarding houses, etc.

The four religious meetings held outside of the building have been well sustained. The county prison officials have shown their appreciation of the prison service by placing a fine new organ at the disposal of the committee in charge; and we are informed that a room is to be set aside in the new hospital building for the religious service conducted there.

The Service of Song of the month, led by the General Secretary, was attended by 200 persons, nearly a fourth of whom remained to a short after-meeting for young men only.

The Boys' Prayer meeting shows an increase of five on an average. A pledge against the use of tobacco and bad language has been furnished by this committee and numerously signed by the boys.

The Training Class, average 18, has lost nothing in interest and has gained in numbers. It is one of the most useful meetings held by the Association, and our members can ill afford to miss it.

The Sunday Morning Bible Class, average 20, has pursued its studies in the life of David with growing interest and profit.

The Young Men's Gospel Meeting, average 32, has been deeply spiritual and impressive. There is among the young men a growing spirit of consecration to personal work, which should have the fostering care—example as well as prayers—of the members of the Board. It is the earnest of any real success the future shall witness. It is cheering to know that there is a band of young men who are intelligently and persistently endeavoring each month to lead *some one young man,* whom each has agreed upon, to this meeting and, also, to the Savior May He, "whose we are and whom we serve," abundantly bless and reward their labors, and call many more young men to a similar service.

With hearty thanks for your forbearance and kindness, happiest memories of our fellowship and labors together, and sincere regret at the necessary severance of my connection with you, I am, as I shall ever be,

Faithfully yours,

DAVID MCCONAUGHY, JR.

KIND WORDS.

The following resolution, presented to the Board of Managers at their last meeting by a committee appointed for that purpose, was unanimously adopted, and expressed the hearty sentiment of all the members:

Resolved: That by the resignation of our General Secretary, Mr. David McConaughy, Jr., the Association loses an efficient and faithful officer. That we sever the connection heretofore existing only because of the opportunity which has opened to him for greater usefulness elsewhere in the cause of the Master.

His ability as an executive officer has ever been of the highest standard; and his Christian life among us, unstained and unsullied, has been an example for all young men.

In expressing our deep regrets at the departure of our brother from our midst, we at the same time congratulate him upon his entrance to a new field of service, and pray that God in His infinite love and mercy, will abide with and bless him abundantly in the fulfillment of the responsibilities which may rest upon him in his new home.

G. M. MCCAULEY,
GEORGE W. REINHARD,
J. W. ELLENBERGER, M. D,
Committee.

FAREWELL!—WELCOME!

We clip the following notice, almost entire, from the *Daily Patriot*, of the 2nd.

"An occasion of unusual interest to the members and friends of the Young Men's Christian Association, was the reception last night, tendered the retiring and in-coming Secretaries, Mr. David McConaughy, Jr , and Mr John C. Lynch.

Shortly after eight o'clock, the Association Orchestra, of thirteen pieces, played a fine overture, the entire audience joined in singing the familiar hymn, commencing "Blest be the tie that binds," and Rev. Dr. Stevenson, offered an eloquent, earnest prayer commending the Secretary, so soon to leave for another field of labor, to the watchful care and guidance of a merciful Providence, and invoking God's blessing upon his successor, his life and his work.

President Harvey then advanced to the front of the platform, and spoke some words of kindest comment upon the three years past, of regrets at the necessity of partings like the present and of heartfelt good wishes and "God speed" for the future.

Mr. McConaughy, in response, said that each meeting he had attended during the past week had seemed a sad "farewell," and led him to look back on the years spent so pleasantly among the people of Harrisburg It was no time for speech-making, he remarked, and all that he could add were the words just spoken by Captain Harvey, "Good bye" Here the orchestra rendered a selection very appropriate to the addresses.

Mr. James McCormick, in the name of the Association and its friends, proceeded to welcome Mr Lynch back to his old home and his new position, when the latter gentleman replied in a few well-chosen and distinctly uttered remarks.

When the orchestra had once more evoked delightful strains, the Chairman, stated that the meeting would partake no longer of a formal nature, but would resolve itself into a general "good-bye"—"how-do-you-do?" "hand-shaking" He also said that, as the members of the board wished Mr. McConaughy to carry with him some memento of the Harrisburg Association, they had decided to present him with their photographs, not as examples of fine features or manly forms, but as a reminder that he had some friends in this city "If you take as much pleasure" he added, "in receiving this souvenir as we enjoy in bestowing it, you will often look upon it when absent from us"

Nearly all present pressed forward to examine the photographs, and the beautiful gilt frame enclosing them, and a general sociable ensued

As usual, the Young Men's Class furnished an interesting *finale* to the reception by feats of strength and skill before admiring visitors in the Gymnasium."

CONVENTIONS.

On Saturday, April 21st, delegates from the Carlisle, Dickinson College, New Cumberland, Steelton, Pine Grove, Lebanon Valley College, Millerstown, Lancaster and Harrisburg Associations, besides visitors from Dauphin and Gettysburg Theological Seminary, were in attendance upon the District Convention held in our building.

In the morning session the report of the District Executive Committee was received and verbal reports given by representatives from several Associations.

Several of the lady friends of the Association having arranged to entertain the guests in our Hall, the hour succeeding was spent in pleasant, social converse and in the despatching of a nicely prepared lunch

The afternoon session was interesting and profitable. Tea was served in the evening and a goodly number of the delegates attended our Training Class, which was conducted by Mr. Taggart.

The Thirteenth Annual Conference of General Secretaries will be held at Racine, Wis., commencing Saturday, May 12th, and closing on Tuesday evening, May 15th. It will be followed by the International Convention at Milwaukee, the 16th to 20th. The indications point to unusually large and profitable gatherings. Our Assistant Secretary, Mr. Brown, will attend both the Conference and the Convention.

STATISTICS FOR APRIL.

25	Daily Prayer Meetings	158
22	Evening Prayers	139
4	Boys' Prayer Meetings	138
5	Young Men's Meetings	158
5	Young Men's Bible Classes	94
4	Training Classes	70
1	Service of Song	200
5	Jail Services (visitors)	81
5	" " (prisoners)	323
5	Home for Friendless Sunday School	426
5	Lochiel Sunday School	296
5	Hospital Services	149
12	Boys' Reading Room	172
16	Social Room	133
23	Gymnasium (exercising)	474
22	" (visiting)	411
1	Board of Managers' Meeting	18
11	Committee Meetings	67
5	Boys' Entertainments	1005
4	Lyceum Sessions	67
3	Orchestra Practices	23
1	Practical Talk (Dr. Pitcairn's)	160
	Religious Papers Distributed	145
	Invitations Sent to Hotels	100
	Young Men Aided	4
	Young Men Directed to Boarding Houses	5
	Letters Written	55
	Books Taken from Library	293
	Baths Taken	60
	Membership Tickets Expired	20
	" " Renewed	6
	New Members Joined	10

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